Concession in interest on finance to industries

3182. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether large and medium industries, including export units, have requested for concession in interest on finances made available to them;

(b) whether the small scale sector has also made a similar demand; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government is considering these demands.

CBI monitorng Maruti Udyog Limited

3183. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the Statesman, Delhi of 28th June, 1992 under the caption "Maruti's land for land's sake";

(b) whether it is a fact that CBI has been monitoring all MUL deals for a long time; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. CBI started discreet verifications about certain irruSgularities allegedly committed by certain officials of Maruti Udog Limited (MUL) in this deal. At the request of CBI, MUL's file on the subject has since been made available to CBI. It is not correct to say that CBI has been monitoring all MUL deals for a long time.

ग्रामीण और लघु स्तरीय उद्योगों को प्रोत्साहन

3184. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :**
श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ग्रामीण और लघु उद्योगों को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना से आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कितने उद्यमियों के लाभान्वित होने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) उसके परिणामस्वरूप कितने व्यक्तियों को रोजगार मिलने की संभावना है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०जे० कुरियन) :(क)ग्राम्य और लघु उद्योगों को बढ़ावा देने का प्राथमिक उत्तरदायित्व राज्य सरकारों का है । किन्तु, केन्द्र सरकार सस्ता और सुलभता से उपलब्ध वित्त का प्रावधान, प्रौद्योगिकी का अंतरण, दुर्लभ और महत्वपूर्ण कच्चे माल के प्रावधान में सहायता तथा अखिल भारतीय स्तर पर संस्थान संबंधी बुनियादी सुविधाओं का सृजन करने जैसे उपायों से राज्य सरकारों के प्रयासों में मदद करती है । लघु उद्यमियों को सेवायें और सहायता प्रदान करने तथा उनको ग्रामीण व लघु उद्योग स्थापित करने में सहायता देने हेतु देश में 422 जिला उद्योग केन्द्र स्थापित किये गये हैं । आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान सरकार का सारे देश में लघु उद्योगों और ग्राम उद्योगों का विकास करने पर अधिकाधिक जोर देने का प्रस्ताव है ।

(ख) और (ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान लघु तथा खादी ग्रामोद्योग के जरिये लगभग 41.5 लाख

लोगों को रोजगार मिलने की संभावना है। आठवीं योजनावधि में लघु क्षेत्र में लगभग 4.5 लाख उद्यमियों को लाभ होने की संभावना है।

Use of foreign brand names in domestic market

3185. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chambers of Commers and Industry has urged Government to reconsider its decision on the use of foreign brands in the domestic market;

(b) whether the decision to use foreign brands in the domestic market would lead to the virtual closure of a wide range of Indian industries;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to save the Indian industries from collapse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) This Ministry is not aware of any such representation of the PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Further, the PHD Chamber, has confirmed in writing that it has not made any written suggestion to the Government on the use of foreign brand names.

(b) to (d) Government has decided not to place any restriction on the use af brand names/trade marks, whether foreign or Indian owned, in India provided these do not violate any statute, rules or regulations in this country. This is expected to augment industrial growth in the country.

Increase in prices of types by manufacturers

3186. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has castigated the leading tyre manufacturers for unjustified increase in the prices of tyres of four-wheelers and for forming a syndicate among them for price hike;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to check these manipulations by tyre manufacturers and for reduction of prices;

(c) whether it is a fact that some leading four-wheeler tyre manufacturers increased the tyre prices in August/September, 1991 abnormally; and

(d) which are the companies involved in the abnormal price increase and what action was taken to reduce the tyre prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) report on the cost price study of automotive tyres for four wheelers has been received by the Government. The report is yet to be examined by the Government.

Export of SSI sector

3187. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports from SSI sector is more as compared to the large scale sector;

(b) if so the export earnings by SSI and and their percentage in total exports earning during the last three years; and

(c) what is the capital investment and employment generation in SSI sector in comparison to caiptal investment in large scale sector and employment in that sector?